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SUBJECT: NAVY I.A. NEGOTIATIONS

REFS; A. ANKARA 9167 B. ANKARA 9024 C. ANKARA 8871

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1. REGRET THAT LATEST TURKISH PROPOSAL FOR PARAGRAPH 5.D
(11) OF NAVY I.A. AS REPORTED REF B IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

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DEPARTMENT THEREFORE UNABLE TO RATIFY EMBASSY'S AD REFEREN-

DUM ACCEPTANCE OF THIS LANGUAGE, AND DESIRES NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS ITEM BE RESUMED.

2. FIRST TWO SENTENCES OF LATEST GOT PROPOSAL ARE ACCEPTABLE. HOWEVER, THIRD SENTENCE IS AMBIGUOUS AND SUGGESTS US WILLINGNESS TO COMPLY WITH UNSPECIFIED "FORMALITIES AND PROCEDURES" WHICH COULD VARY WITH EACH VISIT AUTHORIZATION. WHILE AS EMBASSY POINTS OUT, NEW LANGUAGE MIGHT WORK TO OUR ADVANTAGE BY PERMITTING GOT IN INDIVIDUAL CASES TO RELAX CONDITIONS IN ITS AS YET UNPROMULGATED REGULATIONS (WHICH AS EMBASSY AWARE US MAY FIND OBJECTIONABLE), IT COULD EQUALLY BE USED TO IMPOSE ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS. WE DO NOT OF COURSE QUESTION GOT'S RIGHT TO SET CONDITIONS ON VISITS TO TURKISH PORTS. OUR OBJECTIVE, HOWEVER, IS TO OBTAIN STABLE ARRANGEMENT INCORPORATING MINIMUM RESTRICTIONS IN TURKISH VISIT REGULATIONS, AND THEREAFTER TO OPERATE WITH MAXIMUM PROCEDURAL STANDARDIZATION. WE DO NOT WISH TO ACCEPT LANGUAGE IN I.A. WHICH SUGGESTS THAT ADDITIONAL AND POSSIBLY ARBITRARY CONDITIONS MAY BE FREELY IMPOSED BY GOT ON CASE BY CASE BASIS. IN LARGER CONTEXT, WE FEEL THAT ACCEPTANCE OF THIS LANGUAGE WOULD SET DANGEROUS PRECEDENT WORLDWIDE BY IMPLYING US WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT IN ADVANCE UNSPECIFIED CONDITIONS ON NPW VISITS.

3. YOU SHOULD EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR TURKISH CHAIRMAN'S EFFORTS TO RECONCILE US AND GOT POSITIONS, AND EXPLAIN THAT US UNABLE TO ACCEPT LATEST TURKISH PROPOSAL FOR ABOVE REASONS. YOU SHOULD PROPOSE THAT WE REVERT TO EARLIER TURKISH PROPOSAL NUMBER 3 IN PARA 3 REF E, AS MODIFIED BY REF D AND WITH INSERTION OF WORDS "AT LEAST." PARAGRAPH WOULD THEN READ: "VISITS BY US NAVY COMBATANT AND AUXILIARY VESSELS POWERED BY NUCLEAR ENERGY WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY IN EACH CASE. REQUESTS FOR SUCH VISITS WILL BE SUBMITTED WITH AT LEAST AS MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE AS MAY BE STIPULATED IN THE TURKISH REGULATIONS AND WILL BE PROCESSED ACCORDINGLY." WE APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S EFFORT TO DELETE LAST FIVE WORDS FROM THIS LANGUAGE, BUT WE DO NOT CONSIDER THAT PHRASE CONSTITUTES US ACCEPTANCE OF GOT REGULATIONS AND, AS INDICATED REF D, ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT IT. YOU

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SHOULD INFORM GOT OF US UNDERSTANDING OF THIS PHRASE CONTAINED PARA 2 REF D. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY REMIND GOT THAT LANGUAGE QUOTED ABOVE IS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS EARLIER TURKISH PROPOSAL AND STATE THAT WE ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT IT IN INTEREST OF BRINGING NEGOTIATION TO PROMPT AND SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. KISSINGER

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